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Dear Ms. Hesse:

Being informed and involved in the issues of our community has always been a priority for me. Business leaders need to ensure the stability and growth of their businesses, as well as that of the local community and nation.

In this time of economic uncertainty, we need to be creating jobs and improving the education our children. Our efforts need to be focused on issues and activities that will strengthen our economy and position us for growth in the global market. I believe that the government's settlement with Microsoft is needed in order to facilitate this type of productive activity.

From what I've read, I believe the recent settlement is encouraging and fair to non-Microsoft software programs. Companies that make computers will have the freedom to remove Microsoft features with no consequences against them. Moreover, Microsoft will not retaliate against companies that develop or promote software that competes with Windows.

This settlement is just and fair. It's a fitting end to this legal drama that has played itself out for over two years now.

Thank you for your attention to my thoughts.

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Sincerely

Kent Shoemaker

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